

## NEGRO EDUCATORS MEET HERE TO-DAY

Eighth Annual Conference for  
Secondary School Teachers to  
Be Held at Union University.

Educators from the larger negro institutions of the State will assemble here to-day for the eighth annual conference of principals and teachers of secondary schools in Virginia. Meetings will be held at Union University, beginning at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, and ending at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

This conference will be one of great importance to all interested in the education of the negro to-day. The subject around which all discussions will center is: "The Direct Contribution of the Secondary School to the Community Life." Helpful suggestions in regard to the way in which the secondary school may contribute to the community life will be given. It is especially intended also to demonstrate to educators and teachers the willingness of the State to furnish aid to the schools in any way possible.

Invitations have been extended to all colored secondary schools to send representatives, and it is expected that a large number will be present. Among the schools represented in the conference in recent years are:

State Normal School, Blackstone; Norfolk School, Norfolk; Industrial School, Norfolk; Mission College, Gloucester; High School, St. Paul Normal and Industrial School, Bowling Green; Academy, Christiansburg; Industrial Institute, Petersburg; Memorial College, Dinwiddie; Agricultural and Industrial School, Virginia Union University, Northern Neck Academy, Hampton Institute and a number of other private and public institutions.

## BUFFALOES THRIVE ON RANGES IN WEST

Uncle Sam Now Has a "Buffalo  
Man" to Look After the Well-  
fare of the Herds.

Los Angeles, Cal., December 25.—A day with Uncle Sam's "buffalo man" in the West. The man is a cowboy, and at last a right start had been made toward the actual preservation of the American bison in such countless numbers.

The government is now co-operating with the American Bison Society in the well-planned effort to keep the buffalo from extinction. A tract of land at the southern end of the Flathead reservation has been set aside, twenty-five square miles having been purchased of the Indians at \$150 an acre. The tract was selected on account of its many natural advantages.

The valleys and slopes are covered with the natural wild grasses, including the curling nutritious buffalo grass. The hills are crowned with timber, spruce and fir in a number of places and the Mission River winds across one corner of the tract. The buffalo reservation is bounded on the north by a belt of about 15,000 acres, and the twenty-two miles of fence must be patrolled once a week.

R. A. Hodges, an old-time plainsman, has been selected as the keeper of the herd, and with his wife and daughter lives in one corner of the buffalo range in very comfortable quarters provided by the government. Mr. Hodges has his own irrigation scheme, and waters a sufficient tract to provide hay for his horses and calves for his family.

Many Killed in Explosion.  
Home, December 25.—An explosion of a fireworks factory today at Torre Annunziata, near Naples, Italy, resulted in many deaths. The building collapsed, burying many persons. Fourteen dead and five injured were taken out, and it is believed many other bodies remain in the debris.

Clark on Lecture Tour.  
Washington, December 25.—Speaker Clark is to-day for a week's lecture tour, during the week of the House. It is the first time the speaker has left Washington to lecture during the last two sessions.

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## CROSSING SIGNALS MAY BE INSTALLED

Police Board Will Consider Ad-  
visability of Placing Semaphores  
at Congested Corners.

Among the "safety first" ideas now being considered by members of the Police Board and other public officials, is a portable semaphores to be installed at congested street crossings. The scheme is to abolish the traffic officer and to replace it with a visible signal that cannot be mistaken or drowned out by the noise of passing vehicles.

The semaphores are twelve feet above the ground and are set at right angles and are visible for at least a block. The arms are three inches wide and light on each face the word "stop" in bright letters. The traffic officer stands at the base of the semaphores and operates the arms with a lever. When he wants traffic to move in a certain direction he simply lowers the arm at right angles to the street in which the traffic is headed, and the vehicles and pedestrians are given notice of the order.

These signals are now being used in several of the larger cities with marked success. They would be of particular value in Richmond, where the present traffic requires a great deal of crossing the street when the flow of traffic is to be changed. The signals will allow both arms to remain at stop for a few seconds without shifting the lever.

Orthey—Sledge.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Green Plains, Va., December 25.—A beautiful marriage was solemnized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Sledge of Green Plains, on Monday, December 22, at high noon, when their daughter, Miss Mary Sledge, was united in marriage to George William Orthey, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Orthey, of the same place. The bride was attended by her mother, and the groom by his father. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Orthey, who is a resident of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Orthey left on the east-bound train for New York for their future home in New York.

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Mackinac and Hattgras  
Oilskins.

### WHOLE TOWN STAYS INDOORS

Downpour Chills Ardor of Young  
Army That Celebrates With  
Fireworks.

Santa Claus made the roof-to-roof canvass of Richmond yesterday under the protection of a dripping umbrella. He wore a Canadian mackinac suit on top of it a suit of oilskins like those the livesavers wear in January at Hatteras. It was by all odds the rainiest day of the winter, and he needed all the clothes he wore.

Very small boys who watch recurring Christmas with appraising eye, and are therefore, the most dependable authorities, swore by the fact that it was the wettest Christmas in the history of Richmond and the coldest. Torpedoes were shot in the air, and the Roman candle halls spluttered out miserably before attaining half their guaranteed flight. It was a bum day for fireworks and a feller needed a friend.

From the viewpoint of the grown-ups, atmospheric conditions were equally as unsatisfactory. The morning was a dreary, leaden day with an unceasing downpour, and holiday fire gave way to raincoat and rubber. Owners of limousines, coupes and restorers, where fashions and wealth held sway, were all but deserted.

Only the clanking street cars, which run, come fair weather or foul, and the overcast and cutting rain were about to save the streets from utter desolation. Most of the shops were closed. Christmas dinners and family reunions in every section of the city drew heavily upon the restaurants, and the few who remained at the palatial dining-rooms of the larger hotels served a scanty fraction of their regular clientele.

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Mr. Root's body was shipped to his home at Omaha for interment.

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## SOVEREIGN ROOT DIES IN CAROLINA

Founder of Woodmen of the  
World Recently Visited  
Richmond Camps.



JOSEPH CULLEN ROOT.

Joseph Cullen Root, of Omaha, sovereign commander and founder of the Woodmen of the World, who addressed more than 700 members of the order in this city three weeks ago, died on Wednesday night at Hendersonville, N. C., according to dispatches received here yesterday. Harry Root, his son, was at his bedside when the end came.

Mr. Root was sixty-five years old, and was one of the most prominent fraternal leaders in this country. He was the originator and founder of all the fraternal orders of the Woodmen, which aggregate more than 2,000,000 members. He had been sovereign commander since the organization of the Woodmen of the World, and was the originator of the movement feature, which has been so successfully followed by the order. It was on a visit to the graves of his parents in a New England cemetery that he first thought of the value of proper marking of the last resting place of men, and this was incorporated as one of the principal features of the great lodge.

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## NEWSIES TO VISIT OLD CONVICT SHIP

Captain Smith Gives Them a  
Special Invitation to Come  
Aboard on Tuesday.

The newsboys of The Times-Dispatch are in for a treat on Tuesday, when they will be received on board the old British convict ship, Success, as the guests of the owner and commander, Captain D. H. Smith. The remarkable vessel is open to the public daily at 10 o'clock in the morning, and in order that the newsboys may have the ship to themselves they have been invited to come aboard between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock. For one hour they will be allowed to make themselves at home and roam unmolested from poop to keelson.

The commander will go a step further than the mere opening of his vessel, however, having announced that the guides will be in readiness to lead the crowd of small boys over the decks and down into the dismal cell rooms of the Success and to explain to them all the interesting sights. As they inspect the ship, which is the oldest vessel afloat, the guides will give the newsboys a short lesson in history, in the development of the penal system, and the progress of civilization.

The queer looking ship, with its bluff bows, square stern and towering foremast and mainmast, has been hauled from the dock by hundreds of the boys. Promptly at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning the newsies will muster on the deck at Black and Cary Streets, at the berth occupied by the Success, and will be marched up the gang-plank in line.

The ship was open to the public for only a few hours yesterday. Captain Smith went on board at 10 o'clock and found his men practically idle. A steady downpour and Christmas excitement conspired to prevent many visitors from coming down to the dock. Quite a number of persons made the trip down town last night only to be disappointed, the captain having declared a holiday for his hard-worked crew when the rain continued uninterrupted in the afternoon.

The Success will be open for inspection by visitors every day between 10 o'clock in the morning and 10 o'clock at night as long as she remains in Richmond waters. From this city she will sail south for Colon, passing through the Panama Canal and sailing up the west coast to San Francisco, where she will be exhibited at the exposition.

## NO "ACTING PRESIDENT"

White House Officials Scout at Reference to McAdoo.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, December 25.—White House officials scout the idea of an "acting president" as an impossibility under the statute law and the Constitution. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo being "the ranking member" of the Cabinet in town, is referred to in several publications as "acting president" or "acting President."

According to the White House, the President is at a winter capital at Pass Christian, or at a summer capital at Beverly.

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## VILLA MAY PRESS TOWARD CAPITAL

Apparent Quiet in Mexico Inter-  
preted by Officials as "Holi-  
day Armistice."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, December 25.—Apparent quiet in the Mexican situation was interpreted here to-day by officials as merely a "holiday armistice."

Strategists believe that General Villa, the rebel leader, will press his campaign southward with view to carrying the warfare into the capital. Official reports received to-day were meagre. Rear Admiral Fletcher, commanding the American squadron in Mexican Gulf waters, sailed on the flagship Rhode Island from Tampico for Vera Cruz. As his recent laconic dispatches from Tampico have told repeatedly of the restoration of order there it is believed he has gone to Vera Cruz to assign to their proper stations the battleships just arrived there to relieve the vessels about to return to home waters.

No News from Mexico.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, December 25.—Mexico was wiped off the map to-day by the administration of affairs at the State Department. The telegraph operator closed his key at 5 P. M., and was then off for the night.

No news items, it was stated, official by any country had arrived. As yet that hour, and Dictator Huerta and Carranza and Villa were supposed to have declared, or at least were acting as if they had declared, a Christmas truce.

According to the last accounts the Constitutionalists were closing in again on Toluca, which Admiral Fletcher and the British cruiser Suffolk are to handle that situation. Two things are puzzling the officials in the department who have remained in Washington.

They say that they do not know where Huerta is getting money and how that he is getting it. They say that the officials have not been able to trace his origin to any foreign government or syndicate, and they are led to believe that the "patriots" are making the mistake because they feel that the foreign governments have not taken the acute hostile attitude towards Huerta as that maintained by the Washington government.

Another thing that puzzles the officials is why should Special Ambassador John Lind remain in Mexico. Officials here even do not know how he is paid, how many men and how much purpose after the failure of his mission, which contained three propositions, all of which have been absolutely rejected by Huerta.

The officials, however, know that the last public utterance of the administration with reference to Mexico was that the Mexican troubles would have to settle themselves by the process of "crumbling," as it was phrased by the President.

This, however, does not explain to officials why Special Ambassador Lind remains in Mexico merely as a witness to the disintegration.

John Lind has been many months in Mexico, with headquarters at Vera Cruz, and even the fact that his headquarters are there has not been explained officially.

Attack on Tampico Abandoned.  
Brownsville, Texas, December 25.—The attack on Tampico has been abandoned and the Constitutionalists force which has been operating in the region near there will invest Monterey, capital of Nuevo Leon, about the first of the year. This was the official announcement from Matamoros, headquarters of the Constitutionalists, to-day.

Since Tuesday six troop trains have left Matamoros for Ramon, forty-nine miles north of Monterey. These forces were said to be headed by General Carranza, who is expected to arrive en route to Ramon, where the army, which has been investing Tampico also, will immediately rendezvous. From Ramon to Monterey is expected to be a week's journey, owing to rough overland traveling.

The Mexican consulate here was informed to-day that a battle was in progress at Zacatecas, midway between Matamoros and Monterey. This was denied by Constitutionalists, who claimed to have information that there were no Federals between Matamoros and points twenty miles from Monterey.

Steamer at Vera Cruz.  
Vera Cruz, December 25.—The Spanish armored cruiser Emperor Carlos, which was ordered to Mexico waters for the protection of Spanish subjects, arrived here this morning.

Japanese Cheer De la Barrera.  
Tokyo, December 25.—Francisco de la Barrera, former Provisional President of Mexico, to-day took a luncheon at the Imperial Palace and later presented to Emperor Yoshihito a letter from Provisional President Carranza, thanking His Majesty for Japan's participation in Mexico's centenary celebration. Afterward the Emperor decorated the Mexican special envoy with the grand cordon of the order of Paulownia.

As Senor de la Barrera entered the carriage which took him to the palace, he was cheered by a crowd. In an interview he said there was no secrecy attached to his mission, and that his visit to Japan was purely ceremonial.

Christmas on Warships.  
Vera Cruz, December 25.—A large number of American children were the

guests to-night of Captain Niblack on board the battleship Michigan, on which he provided a big Christmas tree and a Santa Claus to distribute the gifts. Christmas parties were also held aboard the other warships.

Unusual courtesy has been shown officers of the Spanish cruiser Empress Carlos V., which arrived here to-day. An emissary from President Huerta came from Mexico City and invited them to visit the capital.

According to wireless dispatches from Tampico the rebels are seizing property. The estate of Charles Genab, south of Tampico, has been raided by General Aguilar's men. Rebels from Victoria have seized several Mexican property owners, and threaten to hold them until they accede to the rebels' demand for funds.

### TWO FIGHT FOR FORTUNE.

Mother and Daughter Each Claims Fortune Left by Rampolla.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Paris, December 25.—Two princely Italian houses are fighting for the fortune of Cardinal Rampolla, amounting to \$200,000, according to the Rome correspondent of the Paris Times. An early will made by the cardinal bequeathed his fortune to his sister, the Dowager Duchess of Cambrillo. The latter's daughter, Princess Altieri, is about to bring suit for the production of a later will, now lost, by which all of the cardinal's money is said to have been left to her two children.

The Vatican refuses to interfere in the disposal of Rampolla's fortune.

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## THE WEATHER

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For North Carolina—Cloudy and colder Friday, preceded by snow in the mountains. Saturday fair; high west winds.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.  
12 noon temperature ..... 38  
Maximum temperature ..... 40  
Minimum temperature ..... 36  
Moon temperature ..... 26  
Normal temperature ..... 38  
Excess in temperature since March 1 ..... 1  
Accumulated excess in temperature since January 1 ..... 117  
Rainfall last twenty-four hours ..... .35  
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1 ..... 1.15  
Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January 1 ..... 3.27

Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.  
Temperature ..... 37  
Humidity ..... 97  
Wind-direction ..... N. E.  
Wind-velocity ..... 10  
Weather ..... Clear  
Rainfall last 12 hours ..... .639

### CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)  
Place. Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.

Asheville	32	33	Rain
Atlanta	34	48	Cloudy
Atlantic City	45	46	Cloudy
Boston	30	36	Rain
Buffalo	22	32	Rain
Calgary	20	26	Clear
Charleston	34	44	Clear
Chicago	38	28	Cloudy
Denver	18	32	P. cloudy
Duluth	20	32	Clear
Galveston	42	44	Clear
Hatteras	60	64	P. cloudy
Harve	32	42	Clear
Jacksonville	36	50	Snow
Kansas City	20	22	Cloudy